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# Avalanche Deaths Soar

**A**valanche fatalities have been unusually high this season," according to Stan Bones, avalanche specialist with the Flathead National Forest. Stan commented that, as of February 1, 17 people have died in the United States, the 5-year average being 24 for the entire season. February is typically the month with the highest accident rate.

Montana leads the nation in total numbers of deaths, with seven avalanche fatalities. Of that number, six of the victims were snowmobilers, one was a climber. Among the fatalities was Bitterroot National Forest employee Marty Litvin, tragically killed January 3, while snowmobiling near Shadow Lake, southeast of Hamilton. (Please see story on page 10.)

El Nino is one explanation," Stan said. "It is hard to believe that the atmospheric pressure over Tahiti would have any connection to avalanches in Montana. Dry, mild conditions in November and December, however, formed a shallow, weakly bonded snowpack." Another factor, according to Stan, is that "we are seeing more and

more people each year in the backcountry. Winter recreation is being heavily promoted. The advance of snowmobile technology is allowing riders to access avalanche terrain like never before."

"The key to reducing the number of accidents is knowledge and experience—understanding the where, when and why avalanches occur," Stan stressed. "Fatal avalanches are often triggered by the victim or his or her party. Avalanches need not be an inherent risk when traveling the backcountry. Timing is important: knowing when the snow is unstable, where avalanches are likely to occur, and how to travel safely."



**T**he Northern Region has three avalanche information centers, which rely heavily on partnerships and volunteers to fund and support their programs:

**Gallatin Avalanche Information Center**, Gallatin NF, coordinated by Karl Birkeland (406/587-6981).

**Glacier Country Avalanche Center**, Flathead NF, coordinated by Stan Bones (406/257-8402 or 1-800-526-5329).

**Missoula Regional Avalanche Advisory**, Lolo NF, coordinated by Gene Thompson (406/549-4488 or 1-800-281-1030).

Each coordinator works closely with other Federal, State, and local agencies, private groups, and individuals to assemble and disseminate avalanche information to the public, using such methods as telephone hotlines, faxes, and posting information on the internet. They also sponsor employee and public education and training programs.

According to Kimberly Schlenker, wilderness and recreation staff assistant who oversees the Gallatin center, "Each avalanche information center is continually looking for better ways to reach the public. Whether it's providing stickers with our telephone number to snowmobile and ski rental shops or placemats for restaurants—we want to get the word out."

*(left:) Skier demonstrates the work of the Missoula Regional Avalanche Advisory. This standard stability stress test is used to locate a possible weak layer in the snowpack. Locating the weak layer and judging how sensitive it may be is of primary importance to skiers and snowmobilers in assessing avalanche conditions.*



# Big Opening Planned for Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center

by Jane Schmoyer-Weber, director  
Lewis and Clark National Historic  
Trail Interpretive Center

On Saturday, July 4, 1998, Lewis and Clark buffs from across the nation will converge on Great Falls, Montana, to celebrate the grand opening of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center. A formal opening ceremony will be held at the center, beginning at 1 p.m. The opening gala will include an invocation by George Horse Capture, deputy assistant director for cultural resources at the National Museum of the American Indian, Washington, D.C.; and a brief presentation by Montana Governor Marc Racicot. Invitations have been extended to the Forest Service Chief and the Secretary of Agriculture to participate.

This spring, the Forest Service will unveil the center's exhibits documenting the trails and travels of the Lewis and Clark expedition. The center, complete with exhibit hall, theater, outdoor trails, and overlooks, is an unusual project for the agency, whose mission has been traditionally one of resource management, not historic interpretation.

Authorized by Congress in 1988, the center has been a model of what private and public partnerships can accomplish. The \$6 million facility was designed and built with \$3 million in Federal appropriations and \$3 million in private contributions from many sources.

Exhibits focus on the exploits of the expedition and their interactions with the many Indian people who were living on the lands Lewis and Clark explored. The showpiece exhibit is the two-story, life-size diorama of men portaging a canoe on a cart up a steep ravine. The meticulously crafted setting includes artificial prickly pear that even the bravest would fear walking through!

Other exhibits include a walk-in reproduction of a Mandan Indian lodge, a test-your-



Above: Exterior of Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center  
Below: Unfinished life-size diorama

stamina canoe where visitors can actually grab a tow rope and attempt to pull a canoe against the current, and a touch-and-see language game designed to test the visitors' knowledge about how messages were relayed from English to Shoshone during negotiations for the trade of horses.

With imagination, skill, and determination, the contractors, partners, and Forest Service staff associated with the center's development feel they have achieved part of their mission: to present an interesting way for people of all ages to learn about one of grandest adventures in American history. The only thing left is to put the final touches on some of the exhibits—and open the doors.

## New Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Coordinator

Margaret Gorski, Powell District Ranger on the Clearwater National Forest, has accepted a special assignment to be the Northern Region's coordinator for the upcoming Lewis and Clark bicentennial observance. She will be devoting full time to the project beginning March 2.

"Although the official bicentennial observance isn't until 2003-2006, now is the time to begin the preparations that are needed for what could be a very big event for the Northern Region," said Kathy McAllister, deputy regional forester. There are already numerous national, state, and local committees at work planning community activities for the celebration that will ultimately use or impact national forest resources. Margaret will be responsible for developing the Northern Region's strategy that will focus and prioritize our resources so that we are responsive to our partners and coordinated with the other involved agencies and the national celebration plans.

The Corps of Discovery left their winter quarters at Ft. Mandan (near Bismark, North Dakota) on April 7, 1805, and spent 198 days struggling through what is now Montana and Idaho. Their experiences and observations during the time they spent searching for the Northwest Passage across the Rocky Mountains makes up a significant part of the Lewis and Clark story. Their explorations during 1805 and on their return in 1806 passes through or near most of the national forests of the Northern Region. The Clearwater, Beaverhead-Deerlodge, Lolo, Bitterroot, Helena, and Lewis and Clark Forests manage about 210 miles of trail segments and almost 50 Lewis and Clark interpretive sites.

International public interest in the Lewis and Clark story is growing rapidly and has been accelerated by Stephen Ambrose's best seller *Undaunted Courage* and the recent showing of the Ken Burn's PBS documentary. These events have added to the interest and activities surrounding the upcoming grand opening of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center at Great Falls and are beginning to show the potential impact this bicentennial event could have on the Northern Region.



# The Pursuit of Dollars

by Allen Rowley, public affairs specialist  
Flathead National Forest



*A youth group preparing to hike out of the wilderness after working two weeks in the Bob Marshall Complex.*  
Photo by Carla Cline.

These days of leaner budgets have required forests to come up with more creative ways to get projects accomplished. Partnerships and grant funding have become more important than ever before.

The Flathead National Forest is finding that the pursuit of partners and grant dollars can be time consuming and frustrating but worth the effort. For example, in 1997, maintenance of more than 200 miles of trails in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex was completed thanks to the Bob Marshall Foundation, a private, non-profit organization. These 200 miles represent about 10 percent of all trails maintained within the complex.

The foundation used a combination of challenge cost-share agreements, volunteer agreements, and grants—which included \$20,000 from the National Forest Foundation—to accomplish the project.

In addition to trail work, crews also cleaned up over-used campsites. Returning sites to a more natural condition is important in diminishing the impact of campers to this pristine wilderness area. Sources for the work force came from youth-at-risk programs, youth summer camp programs, and individuals not affiliated with any group or organization. The Backcountry Horsemen and commercial outfitters also contributed to the effort.

At the onset, the foundation was hoping to secure 1,000 volunteer work-days for the project. The final tally at the end of the summer was 2,000 work days-donated. As you'd expect, organization was key. The foundation utilized the skills of Forest Service employee Carla Cline to bring order to the myriad of schedules and volunteers arriving on the scene. Carla recruited volunteer groups and assured that the tools and needed Forest Service supervision all arrived at the right place at the right time within the 1.5-million-acre wilderness.

The involvement of the foundation will continue to be important in managing the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. Plans to expand their work next year are already underway.

In addition to the grant given the Bob Marshall Foundation, the National Forest Foundation (NFF) awarded five other grants to projects occurring on the Flathead National Forest. Of the grants listed below, the amount from the NFF was matched at least dollar for dollar, with other outside funding:

◆ **\$34,000** to the Swan Valley Ecosystem Management Project and Environmental Learning Center. The community-based collaborative project includes timber sales and other vegetation treatments to help restore old growth and ponderosa pine in the Swan Valley. The project also includes assistance to the Condon Work Center, now managed by the Swan Valley group. The goal is to keep the center a viable entity within the community as a training and conference facility.

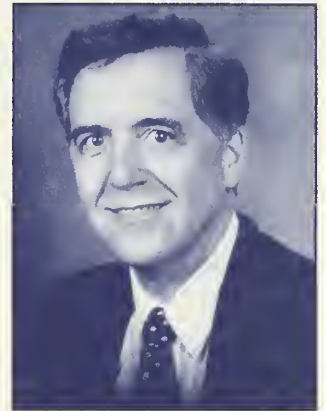
◆ **\$50,000** to the Flathead Forestry Project. The emphasis of the group is on alternative methods of contracting timber sales. Rather than just maximizing revenues, the goal is to encourage loggers to incorporate more forestry and stewardship into their work.

◆ **\$7,000** to the Big Mountain Environmental Education Center, a visitor education center operated in partnership with Winter Sports Inc., the operators of the Big Mountain Ski Resort.

◆ **\$5,000** to the Avalanche Program, a cooperative agreement with Glacier County Avalanche Center to provide avalanche forecasting and information to northwest Montana.

◆ **\$17,000** to the Swan Ecosystem Center. The center disperses recreation information and services in the Mission Mountains Wilderness and the west side of the Swan Range.

## A Message From the Regional Forester



DALE BOSWORTH

The proposed roads management policy has absorbed a lot of our time and energy over the last few weeks. It should. As the Chief said recently, "Of all the things we do on national forests, road building leaves the most lasting imprint on the landscape." Roads are costly to construct and require long-term maintenance. In our efforts to remold ourselves into a more fiscally responsible agency, we need to make sure our decisions are logical and make good business sense.

The Forest Service is being very vocal, too, about the desire to maintain a strong customer service orientation. The time is right to hear from individuals and groups on how they think our resources as they relate to this issue should be invested. You and I know the roads policy is of deep interest to a lot of people. I have no doubt access and natural resource protection concerns will be fully explored.

Because of the diversity of public interest on a roads policy, consensus of opinion and any decision is bound to be controversial. My point is I'm pleased to see the Forest Service step forward and show such strong leadership on a matter of such importance to the organization and the public.

We're where we should be, searching for practical ways to take care of what we have and what we need in the future. The times and the issue call for vision and action, and that's what we're trying to provide.

# Regional Training Academy Set for March 16-20 at UM



by Donna Sheehy, RO civil engineer

Planning is well underway for the 1998 R-1 Regional Training Academy (RTA). RTA 98 will be March 16-20 on the University of Montana campus in Missoula. This year, most of the classes offered at the academy will be located in the Gallagher Business Building.

Currently, more than 800 Northern Region employees are registered to attend over 130 classes that are sponsored by each of the staff units in the Regional Office. The General Session will be on Wednesday, March 18 from 11:30 to 1:30 and will be a brown bag lunch with the Regional Forester's staff. It will include a presentation on "Surviving in Times of Change" by management consultant Rusty Broughton.

Attendees will be receiving notice on motels, parking, registration, etc., as the information becomes available. Information on RTA is also provided on the R1 home page. If anyone has any comments that should be considered for RTA 98, please contact any of the following core team members: Donna Sheehy, RO Engineering, (406) 329-3312; Steve Gradhandt, RO Administration, (406) 329-3001; Peggy St. Peter, RO Human Resources, (406) 329-3194; or John Smith, AFD, (406) 329-4894.



Gary Morrison

Gary Morrison will be joining the Northern Region staff March 15 as director of Recreation, Minerals, Lands, Heritage, and Wilderness. He is presently forest supervisor for the Chatham Area of the Tongass National Forest in Sitka, Alaska.

Gary will be in familiar territory. Born in Missoula and raised on the family ranch between Drummond and Philipsburg, he was a geology student at Montana State University when first employed by the Forest Service as a seasonal fire lookout on the Philipsburg Ranger District of the Deerlodge. From 1966-71, Gary was the district packer and served as a wilderness ranger in the Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness.

While attending graduate school at the University of Montana in forestry, he accepted his first permanent position as a geologist and range conservationist in planning for the Deerlodge National Forest. In 1973, he transferred to the Los Padres National Forest in California.

Since that time, Gary has held many other positions at all levels of the organization, including: recreation management specialist and later assistant director for recreation and wilderness for the Alaska Region. In West Virginia, he was deputy forest supervisor on the Monongahela

## Return of the Native

National Forest where he dealt extensively with land adjustments, as well as gas and oil leasing. After a tour of duty with the Washington Office Land Management Planning staff, he returned to Alaska in 1988 as forest supervisor.

Gary's work in Alaska has involved many of the same issues dealt with by the RMLHW staff in Region One, such as land exchanges and mining operations. He is also familiar with wilderness management, as the Chatham Area contains over 3 million acres of wilderness.

He brings many strengths to his new job, particularly his experience as a line officer. "I think I can provide some good advice and counsel to the regional forester, his deputies, and the forest supervisors," Gary said. "I can certainly empathize and appreciate the challenges and complications confronting line officers today. I also appreciate the skilled professionals in the Regional Office staffs, understand their important roles, and look forward to working beside them."

Later in April, Gary will be joined by his wife Anne and their two daughters Alexa and Greta. Their son Vaughn and his family will remain in Sitka.



# Clearwater Gets "A" in Customer Service

by Lin Chamberlin, executive assistant  
Clearwater National Forest

This past year, customer service received a big emphasis as an agency priority. From the following two letters, the Clearwater National Forest gets high marks for their efforts.

Cynthia A. Lane, District Ranger  
Lochsa Ranger District  
Kooskia, Idaho

Re: Lisa Klinger

We have been wanting to write a letter for some time, to show our appreciation for all the help and information Lisa gave us when we moved here in 1995.

She was very professional but very friendly at the same time. We could call her any time with any questions we had. If she didn't have the answers at hand, she would research it and get back to us.

She has made us welcome to the strange new place. This year she put us on the list for trees, showed us how to plant and care for them—so far, most of them are still alive and doing great.

We would like to include her on our list of new friends here in Idaho. Sometimes we need a pat on the back or a hug for a job well done.

Sincerely,  
Lois and Ed Wambold  
Kooskia, Idaho  
August 1997

Forest Supervisor  
Clearwater National Forest

Having been lifelong summer "tent" campers and travelers who had never visited the Idaho-Montana area, we were especially happy to visit your forests this summer. We were pleased with the camping facilities and their condition as we traced the Lewis and Clark travels along the Lochsa River.

Of particular interest was our visit to the "Lochsa Historical Ranger Station". We have always been aware of the dedication and efforts of the National Forest personnel to maintain, protect and keep our forests productive. The restoration of the Lochsa Ranger Station does a particularly good job of showing us how things were, not too long ago.

The day we visited, the restoration crew was working on one of the log cabins replacing some damaged ends of logs that had extended beyond the "drip line" of the roof. As we watched me of a dentist fitting a crown. The end result was a cabin that looked as though it had been there since it was built. An outstanding job!

We just want to pass the word along to you that the ranger staff, volunteers, and workers helped to raise our awareness of the good work that has been done in the past, as well as the present. We thought we were learning about Lewis and Clark, the Nez Perce, etc. but came home realizing the forests are alive today. The history of the land continues, thanks to the efforts of the whole staff of the National Forest Service. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,  
John and Julie Blyth  
San Diego, California  
August 1997

## Short Notes



**Debbie Austin**, forest supervisor of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, has been on temporary assignment in the Regional Office since February 17 as one of two deputy regional foresters. Debbie will remain at her post in Missoula until she has twins, in April or May, and then go on maternity leave until late summer. Debbie is filling in for Dick Bacon, who retired in January. Dick Owenby has taken Debbie's job in Dillon as acting forest supervisor.

**Paul Parsons** listed in December 1997 issue of NRN as retiring from the Kootenai National Forest decided not to retire at this time.

**Rodd Richardson**, forest supervisor of the Flathead National Forest, has been selected as the new forest supervisor of the Bitterroot National Forest. Rodd served as deputy forest supervisor of the Flathead from 1992-96, assuming his present position in 1996. Rodd will report to his new job in Hamilton March 15.

**Whew!** - Missoula experienced a major bug scare the past couple of years when six gypsy moths were trapped in the city during the summer of 1996. Last summer, pheromone-baited traps were hung in 287 locations in Missoula and at 1,400 other sites throughout the State to determine if gypsy moth populations were present.

There was reason for concern, according to Ken Gibson, entomologist with the Regional Office. "The economic impact could be severe," Ken said, "if, for instance, there was a quarantine on Christmas trees or other forest products shipped out of Montana."

Everyone is relieved that, to date, no additional gypsy moths have been found. Ken isn't sure how the six male moths made their way to Missoula. "Often gypsy moth eggs or pupae are transported by tourists or people who move from infested areas on their cars, mobile homes, or yard furniture," Ken explained. "Forest Service staff will continue to work closely with the State of Montana and the Federal Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service this coming summer to keep a close watch on the situation. So far, so good."

**New Editor, sort of....** "The Northern Region News" and the Public and Governmental Relations staff will greatly miss Jud Moore, who retired January 3 (see story on page 10). Resuming her job as NRN editor will be Gloria Weisgerber. Please send all future articles to her (IBM:gweisger/r1; telephone: 406/329-3094).

# Clearwater Landslide Report

*Typical debris slide on the Clearwater NF  
from the 1995-1996 series of landslides.*



Unusually heavy rain and snow, twice the normal average, fell on the steep terrain that makes up so much of the Clearwater National Forest during October and November of 1995 and February of 1996. The result was a series of major landslides and flooding events that carried large amounts of sediment into streams. It was estimated that 700,000 cubic yards of material was involved in the landslides. About half of that material (equal to about 40,000 dump trucks or 2,700 boxcars full of sediment) reached streams.

Because of the impacts, Regional Forester Hal Salwasser chartered a team of experts in April 1996 to conduct a study of the Clearwater landslides and to determine if any forest practices exacerbated the problems. The team consisted of three Forest Service employees, including team leader Doug McClelland and Jim Saubier with the R-1 Regional Office, and Randy Foltz with the Intermountain Research Station, as well as four additional people representing private industry, academia, U.S. Geological Survey, and independent consultants.

A public meeting was held in Orofino, Idaho, in May 1996, to solicit comments, questions and concerns from the public. From the meeting and input from the Re-

gional Forester, the team developed eight objectives the study should address. One of the several goals was to determine whether roads, fire, and logging played a role in causing the slides. While roads were involved in many of the slides, road-building methods have changed significantly over the years; the study was expected to compare the survival of the earlier-built roads with those built under newer methods. Slides in unroaded, as well as roaded, areas were studied for comparison.

The team examined such factors as road characteristics, timber stand inventory information, and fire history as well as hillslope elevation, aspect or direction a slope faces, slope, and geologic parent material. They analyzed data gathered by two separate field crews—one focusing on aquatics, the other on the landslides—as well as data gathered by Clearwater National Forest crews. Aerial photos of the Forest were taken to locate and evaluate landslides not accessible or evident to ground crews.

A group of 12 individuals in academia, the Forest Service, the U.S. Geological Survey, state agencies, and private industry with backgrounds in slope stability, watershed and forest management conducted a peer review of the draft report in the fall of 1997.

A public presentation of the results was provided at a symposium November 1, 1997 at the University of Idaho.

The final report was completed and made available to the public January 27, 1998. "The Assessment of the 1995 and 1996 Floods and Landslides on the Clearwater National Forest" is in two parts: "Part I: Landslide Assessment," the terrestrial section which describes the landslide characteristics, and "Part II: Stream Response" section, which describes the impacts to the aquatic ecosystem. An "Executive Summary" is also available.

The study showed that 58 percent of the 905 slides that occurred were related to roads and 12 percent were related to timber harvest. A total of 29 percent of the slides occurred on natural, unmanaged landscapes.

As to how the study will affect future management practices, the Clearwater National Forest is initiating a policy of incorporating the results in forest management activities, including use of the five landslide risk factors. Those factors are angle of slope; a slope's parent material; the direction a slope faces; elevation; and land form, a factor that includes vegetation, weather and soils.



## Retirements

### Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

by Jack de Golia, public affairs officer,  
Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

It was standing room only in the Lewis and Clark Room, on the Western Montana College campus recently, as friends and family of three long-time Forest Service employees toasted their careers. Gerry Alcock, Christine Kolar, and Butch Selway, retired, each with over 30 years service to Uncle Sam.

**Gerry Alcock** spent the last 11 of his 36-year Forest Service career in Dillon, where he was the planning staff officer, overseeing not only planning but also environmental analyses, appeals, litigation, and computer operations for the 3.3-million-acre Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.

He helped improve relations between Federal agencies and Beaverhead County by spearheading the development of an agreement that brings county and Federal and State officials together for regular meetings and joint planning work. County commissioner Garth Haugland praised Gerry for creating a unique spirit of cooperation among land-managing agencies and Beaverhead County that has allowed cooperation and understanding to replace confrontation and conflict.

**Christine Kolar** worked in Dillon since 1970 as the forest's purchasing agent, responsible to buying everything from pencils to horses, paying vendors, and setting up contracts with suppliers for fire season. Speakers praised her quiet competency that allowed the Forest Service to buy needed supplies efficiently and legally.

**Butch Selway** spent his entire Forest Service career in Dillon, starting in 1960, when forest offices were in the post office building. Butch was an engineer, known for his high-quality work. He was praised for his role in making the Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway, connecting Wise River and Polaris, into one of southwest Montana's premier recreation areas.



(from left): **Gerry Alcock, Christine Kolar, and Butch Selway** share the limelight at their January 17 joint retirement party.

Photo by Louise Bruce, Dillon Tribune

### Helena National Forest

**Art Howell**, planner with the Helena National Forest, retired January 3, after 32 years of government service. While attending the North Idaho College and the University of Montana, Art worked in temporary positions with the Bureau of Land Management at Coeur d'Alene and Missoula. His first job with the Forest Service was as forester with the Clark Fork Ranger District, Kaniksu National Forest (1968-70). Later positions include: sale administrator, Powell Ranger District, Clearwater National Forest (1970-72); resource assistant, Trout Creek Ranger District, Kaniksu National Forest (1972-73); resource assistant/forester, Cabinet Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest (1973-77); interdisciplinary forester, Supervisor's Office, Helena National Forest (1977-78).

Art and his wife Bonnie plan to remain in Helena. They have two sons: Martin, who lives in Washington, and Timothy, who resides in Texas.



**Art Howell**

### Kootenai National Forest

**Marge Hacke** began work for the Forest Service in July 1980 as a clerk-typist in the Kootenai National Forest Supervisor's Office. Previously she worked for the U.S. Postal Service. Marge worked as file clerk, receptionist, and personnel clerk on the Kootenai before securing the position of conveyance examine position in Lands in 1982. In 1990, she was promoted to realty specialist, a job she held until retirement. "It has been fun," Marge says. "Not sure about retirement plans—probably some traveling in our new fifth-wheeler."

**Margaret Halvorson**, resource technician, Libby Ranger District, retired after 23 years on the Kootenai at the same job. Margaret has five grown children and nine grandchildren. "My plans are indefinite," Margaret says. "More than likely I will be working in the home health area or at the Soup Kitchen in Colorado Springs where I've worked several years during my vacations. I'll continue volunteer opportunities with Hospice, Habitat for Humanity, and as a chaplain in the dialysis unit at St. John Luthern Hospital."

### Lewis & Clark National Forest

By Bonnie Dearing, public affairs officer  
Lewis and Clark National Forest

**Bill Duryee**, forest engineer, graduated from the University of Wyoming and began his 34-year government career in 1963 in the Pacific Northwest Region, on the Lakes Ranger District, Mt. Hood National Forest, Oregon. Other positions in R-6 included: facility engineer, Mt. Hood Supervisor's Office; district engineer, Estacada Ranger District, Oregon; preconstruction engineer and later, operations engineer, Mt. Baker National Forest, Washington; and preconstruction engineer and cadastral surveyor, Umatilla National Forest, Oregon. Bill came to the Lewis and Clark Supervisor's Office in Great Falls in 1978 to serve as Engineering and Lands staff officer. Since 1996, he served as engineering and lands officer for both the Lewis and Clark and Helena National Forests.

Bill and his wife Mary will continue to make their home in Great Falls.

**Paul Threlkeld**, administrative officer, started his Forest Service career in 1964 as a business management assistant, Malheur National Forest, Oregon. Other positions in R-6 included: administrative assistant, engineering division, Regional Office, Portland; accountant, Mt. Baker National Forest, Washington; and budget and fiscal officer, Malheur National Forest, Oregon.

To return to Montana, Paul swapped positions with a budget-fiscal officer at the Custer National Forest. He also worked as an administrative officer for the Surface Environment and Mining project and the Inter-mountain Research Station; administrative officer for the Beaverhead National Forest; and, in 1980, he transferred to the Lewis and Clark as administrative officer.

Paul and his wife Connie will make their retirement home in Great Falls.



**Bill Duryee**



**Paul Threlkeld**



# Retirements



**Dick Smith**

**Dick Smith**, staff officer for Land Management Planning-Fire, retired in January after 35 years with the Forest Service. In 1992, he received the Regional Forester's award for the forest's timber program. Dick began

his Forest Service career in 1957 as a seasonal employee for the Lewis and Clark while attending the University of Montana. He secured his first permanent position in 1963 on the Selway Ranger District, Nez Perce National Forest. He later served as a resource assistant on the Lolo and Flathead National Forests. While with the Flathead, Smith oversaw the completion of the Great Bear Wilderness study to determine the merits of declaring 345,771 acres immediately south of Glacier National Park as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. As a result of his work, he was called upon in October 1978 to testify before the Senate subcommittee on Parks and Recreation on the proposed wilderness bill.

"John Melcher (then U.S. senator from Montana) called me up one day, out of the blue, to talk with me about the study," Dick commented. Lee Metcalf, Montana's other senator, had introduced the bill but had recently died in office. Melcher then took the lead in sponsoring the bill. It was Melcher who requested Dick appear with Chief Dale Robertson on behalf of the bill. "I was told there wouldn't be very many people there so not to be nervous," Dick recalled. "I walked in and the room was jammed. Donna Metcalf, the senator's widow, was there to testify. All those people were there out of respect for Senator Metcalf, including the full committee on Parks and Recreation."

For Dick, it was a day to remember—and "the highlight of my career with the Forest Service." Two days later while Dick was still in Washington, Congress passed the bill. With the President's signature, the bill became law and the Great Bear Wilderness was created.

Dick and his wife Shirley have 11 children and will continue to make their home in Great Falls.

## Nez Perce National Forest

*by Laura Smith, public affairs assistant  
Nez Perce National Forest*

**Glenn Yingling**, timber forester, Supervisor's Office, retired on January 3, after 36 years with the Forest Service. His first job with the agency was as a seasonal for the Coeur d'Alene National Forest in 1957. In 1962, Glenn received his B.S. degree in forest management from the University of Idaho and accepted a permanent position with the Forest Service the same year. He then served 4 years as a Navy officer. He returned to the Forest Service, working as a timber forester, Kingston Ranger District, Coeur d'Alene National Forest; timber management assistant (TMA), Lincoln and Helena Ranger Districts, Helena National Forest; and TMA, Red River Ranger District, Nez Perce National Forest. Since 1984, Glenn has served as resource specialist in the Nez Perce Supervisor's Office and then as a forester in the timber section.

Glenn's wife Peggy and daughter Angie continue to make their home in Grangeville. Son Ray is in the Air Force stationed at McChord Air Force Base in Tacoma, Washington. Glenn has been very active in Idaho hunter education. He also intends to spend more time building furniture, fishing, traveling and tracing family roots.

**Wayne Delp**, program manager for Fish, Water, Wildlife, Range and Botany, Elk City Ranger District, retired on December 30, after 28 years with the Forest Service. He received a B.S. in forest management from Mississippi State University in 1966. Wayne's colorful Forest Service career includes work as a forest fire lookout, patrolman and dispatcher, Red Ives Ranger District, St. Joe National Forest; forester, McCloud and Coffee Creek Ranger District, Shasta-Trinity National Forest; forestry technician and timber sale preparation, Gasquet Ranger District, Six Rivers National Forest; silviculturist, Sitka and Craig Ranger Districts, Tongass National Forest; silviculturist, Paisley Ranger District, Freemont National Forest; and timber management assistant, Red River Ranger District, Nez Perce National Forest.

"I have had many memorable experiences in my 29 years with the Forest Service. One of my most memorable is steelhead fishing on the Smith River in northwest California." Wayne remembers another experience in Sitka, Alaska, "I had numerous encounters with the Alaskan brown bear. One of the most exciting was when a sow charged, and I narrowly escaped by scrambling up a spruce tree." Wayne will be making his new home at Ashland, Oregon, where he plans to go to plays, movies, bookstores, good restaurants, and do some traveling.

**Roger Ward**, forest silviculturist, Supervisor's Office, retired January 3, after 34 years with the agency. He received his B.S. in forestry from Purdue University in 1963 and a M.A. in silviculture from the University of Idaho in 1976. He began his career with the Forest Service on the Philipsburg Ranger District, Deerlodge National Forest as a forester. Roger served 4 years in the Navy and then worked on the Elk City Ranger District as a forester for 2 years. He also worked as a forester and silviculturist, Priest Lake Ranger District, Kaniksu and IPNF; and a silviculturist, Pierce Ranger District, Clearwater National Forest.

Roger will continue making his home in Kamiah, Idaho, with his wife Kathy and fourth-grade daughter Ashley. His son Rob is a student at the U of I. Roger is an active member in the Society of American Foresters. He plans to continue his major hobbies of camping, fishing, hunting, gardening and teaching martial arts. As far as plans for the future, "Nothing specific at the moment: make me an offer I can't refuse."

**David Hayes**, forest timber planner, Supervisor's Office, retired January 3, after 31 years with the Forest Service. He received his B.S. in forestry from the University of Michigan in 1965. Dave started as a seasonal for the Deschutes and Gifford Pinchott National Forests. He served with the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam and began a career with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Nespelem, Washington in 1969. He worked 10 years in timber management with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, Idaho and Alaska. He then transferred to the Clearwater Ranger District, Nez Perce



National Forest in 1979 where he worked in presale, stand exams, compartment inventory and in recreation and trails. In 1990 he transferred to the Supervisor's Office as the forest timber planner. "My fondest memories are summers working with the seasonals on timber and exam crews on the Clearwater District and my association with the wonderful people in the old timber shop in the RO who put together the TSMRS and R1EDIT and all the help they gave to folks in the field."

Dave will continue to make his home in Grangeville with his wife Julie. His son, Jeremiah is playing basketball at Albertson's College of Idaho, daughter Ann is finishing a tour in the Peace Corps in Africa, and daughter Margaret is working as a landscape architect in Seattle. Dave likes to do long distance ski races and hopes to ski the Bierkenbiener in Norway someday. He plans to build a house in the country, do more bike riding, really learn to cook and watch to see if we ever revise the forest plans!

**Julie Hauger**, budget analyst, Supervisor's Office, retired November 30, 1997, after 22 years with the Forest Service. Julie began her career in business administration at the Clearwater Ranger District (1965-68). She later worked for the Moose Creek Ranger District, Nez Perce National Forest (1978-96). She was detailed to the Supervisor's Office as a budget analyst in 1996 until her retirement.

Julie commented that highlights in her career include "learning about the national wilderness program and gaining a real appreciation for backcountry ethics, standards and beauty and what wilderness can give its owners, the public." She also mentioned, "I have made so many wonderful friends in the Forest Service. I will miss the day-to-day working relationships with fellow employees." She will continue her hobbies of golfing, skiing and traveling. Julie enjoys visiting her children and grandchildren whenever possible. She and husband Paul live on the family farm outside Grangeville and Julie is chasing cows and learning to drive a tractor. Her plans for the future are to learn something new every day and look forward to the challenges ahead.

## Regional Office



**John Drake**

from Michigan State University. His first job with the Forest Service was as a seasonal firefighter in New Mexico. John's first permanent position with the agency was as assistant ranger, Pecos Ranger District, Santa Fe National Forest (1963-67). Later positions include: district ranger, Canjilon Ranger District, Carson National Forest, New Mexico (1967-71); Range and Wildlife staff officer, Sante Fe National Forest (1972-75); deputy forest supervisor for National Forests in Mississippi (1975-77); legislative assistant, Legislative Affairs, Washington Office (1977-80); forest supervisor, Gallatin National Forest (1980-84); and director of Recreation, Minerals, Lands, Heritage, and Wilderness in the R-1 Regional Office from 1984 until his retirement in January 1998. John, his wife Peggy, and three of their four children will continue to make their home in Missoula. Daughter Sandy lives in Bozeman.

**Gordon Henson**, aircraft pilot and helicopter inspector pilot for the R-1 aviation group, Missoula Aerial Fire Depot, retired after 25 years of Federal Service.

Gordon began his Federal career in 1962 as a firefighter at Kelly Creek, Idaho. After working as a smokejumper and parachute rigger, he joined the Army where he was trained as a helicopter pilot. Gordon served in Vietnam, 1967-68, and was awarded the



**Gordon Henson**

Distinguished Flying Cross and 26 Air Medals. He was a helicopter instructor pilot at Fort Wolters, Texas, until his discharge in 1971. Other service: aerial photographer, Forest Service, 1971-74; BLM, smokejumper unit, 1974; smokejumper squadleader and operations foreman, Alaska, 1974-77; helicopter pilot, Twin Otter smokejumper captain, lead plane/air attack pilot, and heavy transport co-pi-

**John T. Drake**, director, Recreation, Minerals, Lands, Heritage, and Wilderness, retired in January after 35 years with the Forest Service. A native of New Mexico, John holds a B.S. from Northern Arizona

University and a M.S. from the Forest Service. His first job with the Forest Service was as a seasonal firefighter in New Mexico. John's first permanent position with the agency was as assistant ranger, Pecos Ranger District, Santa Fe National Forest (1963-67). Later positions include: district ranger, Canjilon Ranger District, Carson National Forest, New Mexico (1967-71); Range and Wildlife staff officer, Sante Fe National Forest (1972-75); deputy forest supervisor for National Forests in Mississippi (1975-77); legislative assistant, Legislative Affairs, Washington Office (1977-80); forest supervisor, Gallatin National Forest (1980-84); and director of Recreation, Minerals, Lands, Heritage, and Wilderness in the R-1 Regional Office from 1984 until his retirement in January 1998. John, his wife Peggy, and three of their four children will continue to make their home in Missoula. Daughter Sandy lives in Bozeman.

**David M. Spores**, director of Forest and Rangeland, retired in January 1998 after 35 1/2 years of Federal Service. Dave started his Forest Service career working as a seasonal employee (1958-1964) on the Bonners Ferry Ranger District, Kaniksu National Forest,



**David M. Spores**

while attending the University of Idaho. After graduation, he worked on the West Fork Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest, and at the Trapper Creek Job Corps Center, Darby, before serving three years in the U.S. Army. Other service included: Canyon and Lochsa Ranger Districts, Clearwater National Forest, 1970-75; Swan Lake Ranger District, Flathead National Forest; Libby Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest; and Nez Perce National Forest Supervisor's Office, Grangeville, Idaho. After five years on the timber management staff in the Washington Office, Dave was assigned to the R-1 Regional Office in 1988. Dave and his wife Judy will continue to make their home in Missoula.

**Clyde G. Weller**, deputy director of Engineering, retired in December after working 29 years for the Forest Service. He received his B.S. degree in civil engineering from the University of Idaho and a M.S. civil engineering degree from the University of California (Berkeley). Clyde first worked for the Forest Service in the Kaniksu National Forest Supervisor's Office, Sandpoint, 1970-74. He later worked in R-5, Berkeley, California, 1974-75; R-3 Regional Office, 1975-82; Daniel Boone National Forest Supervisor's Office, Winchester, Kentucky, 1982-84; Washington Office, 1984-91. Clyde has been the Regional Office in Missoula since 1991.

Clyde and his wife may move to Coeur d'Alene. They have three children: Christopher, at Whitney (Washington) Naval Air Station; Courtney in College Station, Texas; and Shannon in Missoula.



## Retirements

### "Northern Region News"

#### Editor Retires

by Jan Lerum, public affairs officer  
Gallatin National Forest

After 35 years with the Forest Service in Missoula, Judson "Jud" Moore, Editor of the "Northern Region News," retired at 76 years young. Jud's vast recall of Forest Service history and his gracious good manners will be very much missed.

Jud was 40 when he began his Forest Service career. During his tenure with the Region's Public and Governmental Affairs staff, he worked with 10 regional foresters. Jud notes it has been very interesting to observe their differences in focus and management styles.

Jud describes his roots as from "a genuine hillbilly family from the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee." Raised in Memphis where his dad was a railroad employee and union organizer, Jud was exposed to family friends of very diverse backgrounds, which he looks back on as an especially enriching environment in which to grow up.

After two years of college in Tennessee, Jud served in World War II with the army airforce as a bombardier navigator in England. After returning home from the war, the literary editor on the newspaper where Jud worked as a copy boy suggested Jud complete his journalism degree at a small school like the University of Montana. At such a school students would receive lots of personal attention. "That was some of the best advice I ever got," Jud reports, and he's been a "Grizzly" ever since.

After graduating from the U of M journalism school in 1948, Jud and his new wife Mary Kidd moved to Walla Walla, Washington. As night editor of the city newspaper, he was responsible for putting out two late editions a night, for the grand salary of \$35 a week. Jud and Mary returned to Missoula and U of M in 1950 where Jud received a graduate degree in education and administration. During the 1950s through the early 1960s, Jud and Mary raised their two children in Helena, where Jud worked in health education positions with the Montana State Health Department, Social Security Administration, and the Montana Lung Association.

Jud takes obvious pride in his family. Mary worked 20 years at the U of M and is active in church and sorority affairs. Their daughter Susan is a clinical pharmacist at Saint Vincent's Hospital in Billings and their son Bill is a helicopter pilot for the City of Portland's Search and Rescue Unit.

## Rocky Mountain Research Station Scientist Wins International Award

Dr. Warren P. Clary, head of the Forest Service's Boise Forestry Sciences Laboratory, was awarded the International Society for Range Management's highest award for research February 11, in Guadalajara, Mexico, at the Society's annual international meeting. In recent years, Clary's personal research has focused on plant and animal interactions in riparian ecosystems along mountain streams. At the same time, he has had oversight for the fisheries and watershed research also being conducted at the Boise lab. Clary and the team of scientists there have been instrumental in gaining much of the scientific knowledge needed for the conservation of anadromous fish and neotropical migrant birds in the Columbia River Basin.

During his career, Clary has published over 160 scientific papers. One of them, "Guidelines for Proper Management of Grazing Along Streams," holds a record for being the most requested publication in the Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Research Station's publishing history. The award, named the W.R. Chapline Research Award, was established by the Range Society in 1986 to recognize its members for exceptional accomplishments in range science. Chapline was the first head of range research in the Forest Service when the agency's scientific investigations into grazing led to the creation of the new branch of science. Although Clary has excelled as a research leader and administrator in his current assignment, the Chapline Award specifically recognizes him for his superior personal scientific research. Clary's investigations span a large part of the United States in diverse rangeland ecosystems, including:

- Evaluation of grazing values for subtropical pine forests.
- Pinyon-juniper woodland habitat values for wildlife.
- Biology of kit foxes and antelope in salt desert shrub habitats.
- Livestock grazing in high-mountain meadows and riparian areas.

Professor Don Kirby of North Dakota State University said, when he announced Clary's selection on behalf of SRM's Award Committee, "Despite widely different research assignments throughout his career, he has succeeded in each assignment by performing, publishing, and transferring his research directly to users."



### IN MEMORIAM

**Jim Augenstein**, 87, died January 9 in Anacortes, Washington. Born February 2, 1910, in Marion, Ohio, Jim was a former employee of the Lolo National Forest. He and his wife Louise had two children, Marlys and Jim, Jr. Jim, Jr. preceded him in death.

**Elmer Byron Baldwin**, 85, of Frenchtown, Montana, passed away December 19, 1997, in a Missoula hospital. He was born in Missoula May 11, 1912. Baldwin held several jobs before beginning a 22-year career with the Forest Service in 1953. During that time, he and his family resided in Alaska for 11 years and Idaho one year before returning to the Missoula area. He is survived by his wife Roberta, son Ronald, and daughter Loralee.

**John L. Braid**, 68, of Missoula, passed away February 3. He was born June 18, 1929, in Christopher, Illinois. He moved to Montana as a young child, graduating from Montana State University with a degree in engineering in 1952. In 1956, he went to work for the Custer National Forest in Billings. He transferred to the St. Joe National Forest in St. Maries, Idaho, in 1958 as assistant forest engineer. In 1962, he transferred to the Lewis and Clark National Forest in Great Falls as a forest engineer. In 1975, John began work for the Engineering staff at the Regional Office in Missoula. He retired from the agency in 1991.

John is survived by his wife Joanne and four children: Laurence, Jeffrey, Nicole, and Timothy.

**Willard R. "Bill" Fallis**, 74, died December 25 in Missoula. Born in Spokane, Fallis graduated from North Central High in Spokane and attended the University of Idaho. He graduated from the University of Montana School of Forestry in 1945 and started his career with the Forest Service the same year. Forest Service assignments took him to Utah, Montana, New Mexico, Washington State and Washington, D.C. Fallis retired in Albuquerque in 1979 when he was R-3 assistant regional forester for Range Management. After his retirement, Fallis and his wife made their home in Frenchtown, Montana.

#### Martin "Marty" Litvin

**Marty**, 53, of Corvallis, died January 3 when his snowmobile was buried in an avalanche near Shadow Lake, southeast of Hamilton, Montana. Marty was born in Warren, Ohio, February 23, 1944. For 28 years, he taught science at Corvallis, and had also coached wrestling and football. Since high school, he had worked summers for the Forest Service in different positions. He was one of the original members of the Bitterroot Hotshot firefighting crew. At the time of his death he was the Air Operation Manager for the Bitterroot National Forest.

Marty is survived by his wife Connie and two daughters, Whitney and Pamela.

**Eugene Evaro Sine**, 71, St. Ignatius, Montana, died December 15 in Missoula. He graduated from St. Ignatius High School in 1943 and enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving two years in World War II in the Philippine Islands. He was employed by the Bonneville Power Administration and the Forest Service. He retired in 1973. Sine worked as a self-employed surveyor for several years in Washington and Idaho before returning to St. Ignatius in 1986.



Marty and Connie Litvin



# Personnel Actions

## BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST

### Awards & Promotions

ADAMS, GUY, supervisory forester, SO, qsi  
 AVEY, WILLIAM, forester, Sheridan Work Center, qsi  
 BAIN, GEORGE, district ranger, Philipsburg RD, qsi  
 BLACKBURN, ROBIN, business management assistant, Sheridan Work Center, qsi  
 BOWEY, CHARLES, wildlife biologist, Dillon RD, temporary promotion  
 BOWEY, CHARLES, wildlife biologist, Dillon RD, performance award  
 BRANN, ELIZABETH, district ranger, Dillon RD, temporary promotion  
 BROWNING, DAVID, fisheries biologist, Dillon RD, temporary promotion  
 CHRISTENSEN, SHERRY, secretary, SO, promotion  
 EWING, MARGARET, district ranger, Butte RD, qsi  
 GIVEN, BILL, electronics technician, SO, career conditional appointment  
 HARVEY, CAROL, forestry technician, Wise River RD, performance award  
 JUDGE, RICHARD, supervisory civil engineer, SO, temporary promotion  
 JUDGE, RICHARD, supervisory civil engineer, SO, qsi  
 KIECKBUSCH, SANDRA, Support Services Specialist, Jefferson RD, qsi  
 KLEIN, MARIANNE, range conservationist, Madison RD, performance award  
 KYLES, ALLEN, forester, Madison RD, performance award  
 LEARN, GARY, forester, Jefferson RD, temporary promotion  
 MCKNIGHT, HARRIET, forestry technician, Wise River RD, performance award  
 RAGAIN, DALE, supervisory forester, Madison RD, performance award  
 SCHOTT, LINDA, resource assistant, Madison RD, qsi  
 SCHOTT, LINDA, support services specialist, Madison RD, temporary promotion  
 SCHOTT, RON, supervisory rangeland management specialist, Madison RD, performance award  
 SUENRAM, PERI, appeals specialist, SO, qsi  
 SUZUKI, KEVEN, rangeland management specialist, Madison RD, performance award  
 WISEMAN, RONALD, wildlife biologist, Madison RD, qsi

### Reassignments & Transfers

BAIN, GEORGE, District Ranger, Philipsburg RD, reassignment, St. Marys, IPNF

## CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST

### Awards & Promotions

ERBA, ANTHONY E., forester, Idaho Panhandle NF, promotion, NEPA coordinator, McKenzie RD  
 FLOODMAN, MERVIN G., archeologist, McKenzie RD, temporary promotion  
 KNOX, FONDA L., resource clerk OA, Ashland RD, promotion, resource assistant OA, Ashland RD  
 O'DELL, CHARLES T., range technician, Sioux RD, qsi  
 PEDROTTI, JANE F., resource clerk OA, Sioux RD, promotion, resource assistant OA, Sioux RD  
 SANDBAK, DENNIS J., forester, Sioux RD, qsi  
 SCHEIDECKER, NORMA A., resource clerk OA, Beartooth RD, performance award  
 THORNTON, MARTINA L., realty specialist, Medora RD, qsi

### Reassignments & Transfers

ALT, BARBARA L., support services supervisor, reassignment, accounting technician, SO  
 MICHAUD, KAREN L., forestry technician, SO, reassignment, procurement technician, SO  
 PRANGE, FREDERICK W., minerals and watershed staff officer, Chugach NF, reassignment, administrative officer, SO  
 SHULTZ, RITA A., computer assistant, SO, reassignment, zone computer assistant, SO (Dickinson ND)  
 SLACKS, WILLIAM B., planner, McKenzie RD, reassignment, Forest NEPA coordinator, SO  
 STOCKWELL, JEFF J., zone AFMO, Elk City RD, Nez Perce NF, reassignment, Forester (District) FMO, Beartooth RD  
 WARM, ARDEN A., wildlife biologist, Sioux RD, reassignment, wildlife biologist, Medora RD.

### New Employees

NIETO, ROBIN L., rangeland management Specialist, Medora RD  
 PRICE, NICOLE B., SCSEP, SO.

### Resignations

BURGER, GUADALUPE S., rangeland management specialist, Medora RD.  
 HEISNER, FRANK E., soil scientist, Medora RD.

### Retirements

ALT, THOMAS L., forestry technician, Beartooth RD.  
 KENT, GREEN B., civil engineer, Medora RD.  
 MATOZEVICH, MICHAEL D., supervisory forester, McKenzie RD.  
 MILBURN, SHERRY L., public affairs specialist, SO.  
 MORIN, FOREST G., district ranger, Grand River RD.  
 SHIMEK, DELORES D., support services supervisor, McKenzie RD.

## GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

### Awards & Promotions

BECKEN, PETE, forestry technician, Big Timber RD, performance award  
 CIFALA, FRANK, forester, Big Timber RD, performance award  
 DICKEY, LOREN, telecommunications tech, SO, qsi  
 MOSBY, CINDY, Computer Assistant, SO, qsi  
 PARRENT, SANDRA, Business Management Assistant, Big Timber RD, temporary promotion  
 RUPERT, SUE, Computer Clerk, SO, qsi

## HELENA NATIONAL FOREST

### Awards & Promotions

GILBERT, ROCKY, fire engine crew leader, Lincoln RD, promotion  
 MILBURN, DENNIS, FMO, SO, promotion

### Reassignments

MCKINNON, DON, forestry technician, SO, reassignment  
 STANN, ANITA, resource clerk, SO, reassignment

### Retirements

BOGARET, JAMES, forestry technician, Lincoln RD, retirement  
 HOWELL, ART, planning forester, SO, retirement  
 ROBERTS, RAY, electronics technician, SO, retirement

## KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

### Awards & Promotions

BAIN, JANE, personnel management specialist, SO, qsi  
 BOGIE, PATRICIA, resource clerk, Libby RD, performance award  
 BOGIE, PATRICIA, resource clerk, Libby RD, temporary promotion to resource technician  
 BURKE, TONEE, resource clerk, Fortine RD, performance award  
 DICKERSON, GARY, supervisory forester, Libby RD, temporary promotion to forester, SO  
 DITTMER, BONNIE, purchasing agent, Rexford RD, performance award  
 EATON, WENDY, support services supervisor, Rexford RD, performance award  
 GAUGER, DELLORA, public information assistant, Fortine RD, performance award  
 GOMBEN, PETE, writer/editor, Libby RD, performance award  
 HAWLEY, DALE, management analyst, SO, qsi  
 HIDY, TROY, biological science technician, Cabinet RD, qsi  
 MASON, SANDRA, support services supervisor, Fortine RD, performance award  
 MOHAR, KATHRYN, writer/editor, Three Rivers RD, performance award  
 PLUID, JACK, automotive worker, Rexford RD, performance award  
 PRICE, PATRICK, fish biologist, Rexford RD, qsi  
 SHUEY, THERESE, computer assistant, Rexford RD, qsi

### Retirements

DILLON, LERAY, forestry technician, Three Rivers RD

## LEWIS & CLARK NATIONAL FOREST

### Awards & Promotions

DAVIS, LORETTA, resource clerk, SO, promotion  
 EIMERS, STEPHANIE, wildlife biologist, Kings Hill RD, promotion  
 FITZGERALD, JOHN, forestry technician, Judith RD, promotion  
 GAPPERT, KEVIN, Helicopter Mgr, Kings Hill RD, promotion  
 HOMISON, JIM, forestry technician, Kings Hill RD, promotion

HORN, TIM, forestry technician, Rocky Mountain RD, promotion  
 LINDERMAN, DOROTHY, resource clerk, Kings Hill RD, promotion  
 OSEN, TOM, Rangeland Management Specialist, SO, promotion  
 SECREST, JESS, AFMO, Kings Hill RD, promotion  
 TEIG, RON, forestry technician, Musselshell R. D., promotion  
 WHITFORD, TOM, wildlife biologist, Judith & Musselshell RD, Promotion

### Reassignments

MEIER, NOELLE, outdoor recreation planner, Kings Hill RD, reassignment

### Retirements

DURYEE, WILLIAM, forest engineer, SO, retirement  
 MOSHER, RICHARD, forestry technician, Kings Hill RD, retirement  
 SMITH, RICHARD, LMP/FIRE staff officer, SO, retirement  
 THRELKELD, PAUL, administrative officer, SO, retirement

## REGIONAL OFFICE

### Awards & Promotions

BECKLEY, ROBERT, photographer, FA&A, performance award  
 DORVILLE, DOROTHY, financial assistant, MTDC, performance award  
 GORE, ROXIE, claims assistant, FR, qsi  
 KARSKY, RICHARD, mechanical engineer, MTDC, performance award  
 KILROY, WILLIAM, mechanical engineering technician, MTDC, qsi  
 LINDLER, ALBERT, supervisory technical editor, MTDC, qsi  
 LUSTGRAAF, SARA, visual information specialist, MTDC, qsi  
 MCCORKLE, MURIEL, claims specialist, FR, qsi  
 PIERSON, PATRICIA, office automation assistant, MTDC, performance award  
 TRENT, WILLIAM, mechanical engineer MTDC, performance award  
 WIGGINS, MARK, audio visual production specialist, MTDC, qsi  
 WINDELL, KEITH, mechanical engineer, MTDC, performance award  
 WOLF, GERALDINE, mechanical engineering technician, MTDC, qsi

### Reassignments & Transfers

ANDERSON, ELLEN, office automation asst, S&PF Support, reassignment

### Resignations

MILLER, BRADLEY, structural engr, ENG

### Retirements

ANTONICH, WILLIAM, printing specst, P&GR  
 BACON, RICHARD, forester administration, RFO  
 BOILEAU, DONNA, office automation asst, RMLH&W  
 BRAACH, DIANE, computer asst, FR  
 BURCHFIELD, JOHN, social scientist, RFO  
 CAMERON, WILLIAM, photogr aerial, ENG  
 CUPLIN, SUE, contract specialist, P&P  
 DEWEY, JERALD, entomologist, CF&FHP  
 DONAHUE, JOHN, civil engr, ENGR  
 DOUCETTE, RONALD, accountant, FR  
 DRAKE, JOHN, supvy biological scntst, RMLH&W  
 FLECK, JOAN, appeals specst, E&AP  
 GILLIGAN, CARMA, biological techncn, CF&FHP  
 HAMILTON, JUDY, secretary, S&PF  
 HILLARD, DONALD, environmental engr, ENG  
 HOWE, GEORGE, forester, F&R  
 JACOBSEN, GERALD, position classifn specst, HR  
 MOGEN, LLOYD, property disposal specst, P&P  
 MOORE, JUDSON, public affairs specst, P&GR  
 REYNOLDS, GARY, personnel staffing specst, HR  
 SATER, JACK, fire bus mgmt specst, FR  
 SPORES, DAVID, supvy forester, F&R  
 SUMMERFIELD, DALLAS, contract specst, P&P  
 SUNDT, JOHN, supvy contract specst, P&P  
 THRELKELD, THOMAS JR., forestry techncn, F&R  
 WEISENBURGER, BETTY, appeals specst, EA&P  
 WELLER, CLYDE, supvy civil engr, ENG  
 ZABEL, GARY, hydrologic techncn, WWF&PR



**The annual business meeting of the Northern Rocky Mountain Retirees Association will be held Wednesday, March 25, 12:00 noon at the Country Harvest Buffet, Southgate Mall, Missoula.**

## Dick Joy Identifies Big Creek Ranger Station Photo

Region One retiree Charles R. (Dick) Joy, Grand Junction, Colorado, correctly identified the 1920 "Into The Past" picture, printed in the November issue of "The Northern Region News" as a house at the Big Creek Ranger Station, Gallatin National Forest, on the west side of the Yellowstone River, south of Livingston.

"In the early 1930s," Joy writes, "Walt and Elva Wetzel were stationed there. He also served at Red Lodge, on the Custer. The Wetzels' were close friends of my parents. Walt worked for my father in the 1940s on the R-5 range/wildlife staff. Walt passed away in California about 1951. Elva moved to Billings.

While I was District Ranger for the Gardiner Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest, in the 1960s, Elva came over to Gardiner when my folks were there from California. She wanted to visit the Big Creek Ranger Station for a visit. We packed a picnic and drove there, wherein she re-lived her days with Walt.

I've regretted not having a tape recorded to capture the stories she told that day. It was a wonderful outing."

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## INTO THE PAST

The picture below was taken in July 1921 by D. L. Beatty. It is a Ranger Station dwelling on the Madison National Forest.

Can you name the Ranger Station?



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